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**Chief of Station, Frankfurt**

**Attn: ☐**

**Chief, EE**

**Operational**

**Operational Clearance of W/T Operators**

**REF: MGFA-6501**

1. Reference memorandum is greatly appreciated and we wish to congratulate you on an excellent organizational job in your review of the clearance status of the various W/T operators.
2. Our general reaction is that the steps outlined for the training of W/T operators are feasible both from your standpoint and our own. Certainly the time-table suggested should aid greatly in predicting the actual times by which the various agents can be made available for training. We will comment in a subsequent paragraph on individual cases.
3. We have several general comments. First, we recognized the fact that MQQW-13635 would represent something of a change in the procedure of obtaining clearances, and that the chief difficulty would be that encountered in dealing with KIBITZ 15. We are glad, however, that you took time to go to the mat with 15 in order to explain that headquarters policies are involved which cannot be changed because of his own vagaries and his dislike of Fragebogen. We are also glad that you were firm in holding him to the necessary procedure; your firmness will serve as a further means of control over him, although he appears to be about as independent as a hog on ice.
4. In reply to paragraph 4 of reference memorandum, we cannot predict with too much accuracy how long clearance procedures will require in the case of an individual agent; our experience has been that the time ~~averages three months after we receive PRQs.~~ However, we can certainly state that better planning with reference to obtaining PRQs from the K-15 complex will enable us to do a far better job in obtaining clearances. The process of obtaining clearance is much faster if PRQ Pt. II arrives as soon as possible after the arrival of Pt. I, and especially if all field traces can be sent to headquarters promptly.

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5. With respect to paragraph 7, we will discuss with the appropriate personnel here the possibility of assigning another person to the KIBITZ program as a comm instructor. We will inform you as soon as possible.

6. The following represents our comments concerning the individual KIBITZ agents; we are naturally omitting all cases already fully cleared:

KIBITZ 177: This clearance has been on an expedite basis since early April. (The word "expedite" here means "do it in six months instead of twelve.") Full clearance should come through any day now.

KIBITZ 173: Clearance was requested on 7 May 1952; hence full clearance by August should be possible.

KIBITZ 182: Full clearance was granted as per HQW-14018, dated 7 May 1952.

KIBITZ 192: This is the only case in which we will probably be unable to comply with your suggested time-table. Unfortunately name traces were delayed due to the negligence of another case officer. PRQ Pt. I has now been sent through the mill for clearance, however, and we will process Pt. II as soon as received.

KIBITZ 198: Clearance was requested on 18 April 1952; hence provisional clearance should come through fairly soon and full clearance certainly by September.

(KIBITZ 199: If you can send us PRQs and local field traces by  
(KIBITZ 200: early June, we should be able to obtain provisional clearances by the middle of July and full clearances by the end of September.

KIBITZ 197: As you stated, no PRQs have been received as yet.

KIBITZ 180: Clearance was requested on 26 February 1952; we should thus have full clearance by late June.

KIBITZ 185: Clearance was requested on 6 February 1952 and should be forthcoming soonest.

KIBITZ 190: Clearance was requested on 5 March 1952 and should come through by early August as you hope.

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KIBITZ 191: Clearance was requested on 14 March 1952. Provisional clearance was granted on 25 April 1952 as per M3QW-13878. Full clearance should be forthcoming relatively soon.

7. KIBITZ's 3, 6, 7, 9a, and 10 have previously received full operational clearance and present no problems in this respect. We appreciate having reports concerning their training.

8. In several cases you suggested that we attempt to obtain an extension of provisional clearances pending the receipt of full clearances. We will keep this suggestion in mind, but it probably will not be necessary since provisional clearances usually hold good (when both parts of the PRQ are here) until full clearance is granted.

9. Finally, you will be interested to know that we are awaiting the return from leave of [ ] for a series of lengthy discussions concerning the entire KIBITZ program.

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